



AGENDA

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

6 SEPTEMBER 2021

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker and J Ryan.

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 5.30 pm.

PRAYER:

O God, Grant that by the knowledge of thy will, all we may resolve shall work together for good, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

"I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present".

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CCL21/196 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID21/1440)

CCL21/197 PUBLIC FORUM (ID21/1441)

CCL21/198 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNCIL TERM (ID20/1691)

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The Council had before it the report dated 1 September 2021 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Remainder of the Council Term.

CCL21/199 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL TERM (ID20/1692)

CCL21/200 CREATION OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR (ID20/1695)

CCL21/201 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL TERM (ID20/1696)



REPORT: Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Remainder of the Council Term

AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer
REPORT DATE: 1 September 2021
TRIM REFERENCE: ID20/1691

METHOD OF VOTING AND ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL TERM

The Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council is elected by the Councillors from among their number in accordance with Section 282(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). The Act also provides that where the Mayor is elected by the Councillors, he/she holds the office for two years (Section 230(1)).

The most recent Mayoral Election, 3 June 2021, was held to fill a casual vacancy created in the Office of the Mayor for the remainder of the Mayoral Term. This Mayoral Term is due to end two years from the previous Mayoral Election, which was held in September 2019. Due to the postponement of the Local Government Elections until December 2021, it is necessary to hold a Mayoral Election to determine the Mayor and (if any) the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council Term.

Section 230 (3) states that:

"The Office of Mayor:

- a) commences on the day the person elected to the office is declared to be so elected; and*
- b) becomes vacant when the person's successor is declared to be elected to the office, or on the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the office."*

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation relating to the Election of Mayor by Councillors, provides:

1. Returning Officer

The General Manager, or CEO, (or a person appointed by the General Manager) is the returning officer.

2. Nomination

- (1) A councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor or deputy mayor.
- (2) The nomination is to be made in writing by two (2) or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has

indicated consent to the nomination in writing.

- (3) The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.
- (4) The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the Council meeting at which the election is to be held.

3. Election

- (1) If only one councillor is nominated, that councillor is elected.
- (2) If more than one councillor is nominated, the Council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.
- (3) The election is to be held at the Council meeting at which the Council resolves on the method of voting.
- (4) In this clause:
 - "ballot" has its normal meaning of secret ballot; and
 - "open voting" means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

Nomination papers are appended (**Appendix 1**) and may be delivered or sent to the undersigned prior to the Extraordinary meeting.

CREATION OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL TERM

Section 231 of the Act provides that:

1. The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.
2. The person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

On the assumption that Councillors will wish to elect a Deputy Mayor, to coincide with the mayoral term, nomination papers for the office have been prepared and are made available at **Appendix 2**.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the report of the Chief Executive Officer, dated 1 September 2021, be noted.**
2. **That the method of voting for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be determined.**

Murray Wood
Chief Executive Officer

Appendices:

- 1↓ [Nomination and Acceptance Form - Office of Mayor - 2021](#)
- 2↓ [Nomination and Acceptance Form - Office of Deputy Mayor - 2021](#)



DUBBO

Date: _____

The Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
DUBBO NSW 2830

Dear Sir

OFFICE OF MAYOR – NOMINATION PAPER

I hereby nominate Councillor _____ for election to the Office of Mayor of the Dubbo Region for the ensuing term.

COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I hereby accept such nomination.

COUNCILLOR



DUBBO

Date: _____

The Chief Executive Officer
Dubbo Regional Council
DUBBO NSW 2830

Dear Sir

OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR – NOMINATION PAPER

I hereby nominate Councillor _____ for election to the Office of Deputy
Mayor of the Dubbo Region for the ensuing term.

COUNCILLOR

COUNCILLOR

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I hereby accept such nomination.

COUNCILLOR